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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201 and Section 70-1-204, relative to members of the wildlife resources commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201, is amended by deleting subsection (e) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(e)

- (1) The terms of both speaker-appointed members serving on February 28, 2001, shall terminate June 30, 2001. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 70-1-204(e), any such speaker-appointed member shall be eligible for reappointment for the term specified in subdivision (2).
- (2) The speaker of the senate shall appoint a new member to serve a term commencing July 1, 2001, and ending February 28, 2003. The speaker of the senate shall subsequently appoint a new member to serve for a term of six (6) years commencing March 1, 2003. Thereafter, the member appointed by the speaker of the senate shall serve a term of six (6) years commencing March 1.

- (3) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint a new member to serve a term commencing July 1, 2001, and ending February 28, 2005. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint a new member to serve for a term of six (6) years commencing March 1, 2005. Thereafter, the member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives shall serve a term of six (6) years commencing March 1.
- (4) In making their appointments, the speakers shall give preference to appointing a member from the grand division that has only three (3) members immediately prior to the effective date of the new appointment, it being the legislative intent to rotate these appointments by grand division.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

- (f) No more than four (4) members of the commission shall be from any single grand division of the state.
- SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-204, is amended by deleting subsection (e) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:
 - (e) Except as provided in Section 70-1-201(e), vacancies through expiration of the terms of the members of the commission appointed by the speakers shall be filled by appointment by the appropriate speaker for a term of six (6) years. If a vacancy occurs other than by expiration of the term, the appropriate speaker shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired portion of the original term. No commissioner shall be eligible for reappointment to a second consecutive term in office.
 - SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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